



"K" DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION

OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K Division – 2022/02/04 19:00 Update

COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION

BACKGROUND

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. The intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION

Updates appear in **GREEN**

SHOW UP FOR COUTTS // 'SLOW ROLL' CONVOYS

- At approximately 17:00, 2022/02/03, the Western Standard reported that the Coutts blockade plans to shut down at 07:00 on 2022/02/04, and begin a convoy to Edmonton. This post was shared by **Personal Info.** This information was then repeated by several others, such as Rebel News, however other posts continue to tell supporters to travel down to Coutts.
 - There is constant chatter both on the ground and online about movement and while some movement starts they often end up settling back at Coutts.
- Facebook Group "Alberta (Coutts) Freedom Horseback Riders 2022" calling for "all riders to action" to hold the line at the Coutts border "asap" and/or tomorrow (2022/02/04), as well as their planned event 2022/02/05 to do a flag exchange with riders from the USA. Additional posts located refer to using horseback riders to bypass the blockades, bring supplies to people currently there, etc.
 - It is confirmed that **Personal** will NOT be preforming in Milk River.
 - Facebook user stated convoy will begin at Milk River Subway between 08:00 – 09:00.
 - Twitter user stated convey will go through Lethbridge at 10:15, Crossfields at 19:00, and will be travelling 40 km/hour.
- Supporters have been directed to bring supplies to Milk River Visitor Centre every day at noon. (2022/02/02).
 - A **Personal Info.** posted to the AB Coutts Convoy Jan 29 Facebook page that he will be bringing a 50 tonne crane to Milk River on 2022/02/05.
- A second convoy will be departing Calgary for the protest in Ottawa on 2022/02/06 at 10:00.

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- Edmonton Daily Convoys will occur 2022/02/01 – 2022/02/05.
- Convoys to Edmonton on 2022/02/05 are being titled “FREEDOM CONVOY” or “COFFEE WITH KENNEY CONVOY”.
 - A gathering of 50 people will assemble at city hall and the convoy will leave one lane open for traffic. Personal Info. is the organiser.
 - Alberta 4 Liberty organizing protests at CTV news and the Legislature for 2022/02/05, starting at 11:30 at the Legislature, and then moving to CTV for 13:00.
 - A reference to a convoy from Lethbridge to the Legislature on 2022/02/04 has been posted by the Twitter user Personal Info. Further information has not been located.
- A call went out on Facebook asking people to proceed to Coutts as backup including those with off road vehicle available. (2022/02/03).
 - The focus appears to be on lifting all mandates in Alberta. This appears to be the centre of activity for today.
- A convoy to Coutts from Nisku, AB is planned for 2022/02/04, called by the groups “Rally 4 Resources – The Movement”. The convoy is to meet at 12:30 and leave by 13:00. The post has received over 300 shares. This is being called the “Freedom Convoy to Coutts” and is advertising that it is a new day/time.
- Convoys are planned on 2022/02/05 to start from Fort McMurray, Westlock, Lac La Biche, Athabasca and a number of other areas, with the intent to converge at the Co/op Grocery Store on Railway Avenue in Boyle at 10:00.
- **ASSESSMENT:** It is unknown how much participation the Boyle convoy is going to attract. The organizer Personal Info. is trying to drum up support by promoting this event in a number of different local Facebook groups, but does not seem to be gaining a lot of traction. However, several of the cities that are included in this plan had significant turnouts for last weekend’s support rally.
- Another Alberta/wide convoy protest is planned for Saturday, 2022/02/05, starting from Aldersyde in the South and travelling up the QEII. The organizers Personal Info. et al.) are planning convoys to start from locations all around Alberta. The group starting in Acheson will likely have the most participants, followed by the group starting in Nisku.
 - Details of organizers and their vehicles have been posted.
 - A group will be travelling from the Valleyview Shell station at 07:00 on 2022/02/05 to join.

2022/02/02 Slow rolls (@bupreac)

- Slow Roll/like events are being planned for Lethbridge, Edmonton, and Calgary.
- OPERATION BEARHUG 2022/02/02 – scheduled for multiple locations. Organizers include Personal Info. Personal Info.
 - Grande Prairie plan may be postponed.

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- Operation Bearhug Calgary Support event on 2022/02/05 has 200 respondents. Route appears to circle Calgary via Stoney Trail ring road, beginning at 12:00. Event specifies that Calgary Police have been engaged. Will likely have traffic implications for surrounding detachment areas.
- There may have been a convoy from Vauxhall to Taber on 2022/02/04. This could not be verified.
- A group of approximately 40 vehicles may be gathering at Stavelly, AB each day at 12:00 in solidarity with the Coutts border.

'ALBERTA SCHOOL WIDE WALKOUT'

- Looking to challenge the mask mandates for children will be taking place around noon on 2022/02/03 and 2022/02/04 in Drayton Valley and possible other locations.
- There is a call for an Alberta/wide school walkout for students opposed to mask mandates in schools. The alleged organizer is based out of Drayton Valley. This event is gaining some traction on social media but currently unknown how big it will become. There is a callout for students to walk out in protest after lunch on 2022/02/03 or 2022/02/04. The advertisement now appears on multiple accounts and groups.
- **Assessment:** This protest was advertised by the Alberta Blue Skies Facebook group, which often disseminates information about various events happening throughout the province. It was posted today at 08:06 and has since generated 52 comments and 239 shares. The poster has been shared by a few other people on Facebook as well, however nobody seems to be indicating that they are participating or that they know of people who plan to participate. The organizer is based out of Drayton Valley, so there may be a protest at a high school there. Alberta Blue Skies does have 73,397 followers so this event could gain more traction.

FARMERS 4 FREEDOM:

- A group called **Farmers 4 Freedom** has using farm equipment, however, they are currently debating if that protest should happen due to possible lack of manpower.
- **ASSESSMENT:** It appears that this protest will go ahead, the number of attendees is uncertain.
- **Details:** The current plan is to have at least two groups, one starting at the Menaik overpass north of Ponoka, and one starting north of Lacombe on Highway 2A. The goal is to have additional people start at different areas, but some of the participants are worried that there will not be enough people attending to make a statement and would like to consolidate groups.
- Farmers for Freedom has been sharing posts regarding the convoys to Edmonton on 2022/02/05.



NO UPDATES BELOW THIS LINE

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BLACK LABEL COFFEE HOUSE

- The Black Label Coffee House in Red Deer has posted regarding a follow up from Alberta Health Services at 10:00 on 2022/02/03. AHS has advised Red Deer RCMP that they will be issuing a closing order. The Black Label Coffee House has encouraged followers to attend the location at the same time.

AIRDRIE SPEAKERS CORNER PROTEST

- Airdrie Speakers Corner Protest at Airdrie City Hall 2022/02/04.
- Airdrie Speakers Corner Protest at Airdrie Co/op 2022/02/06.

MACKENZIE COUNTY FREEDOM RALLY

- Scheduled for 2022/02/05, beginning in La Crete at 11:00, and going into High Level.

FOOTHILLS FREEDOM RALLY

- The regular weekly rally in Okotoks is going to host **Personal Info.**, well known anti/lockdown activist who often attracts large crowds. They depart from 50 McRea St, Okotoks, Alberta at about noon. At least 15 have indicated interest in the event with 27 total having responded. The same group hosting this event is also hosting another "slow roll" protest in Okotoks on 2021/02/06.
 - **ASSESSMENT:** Although this is a recurring protest that has been happening weekly, the presence of **Personal Info.** a well known anti/lockdown activist who is extremely prominent on social media, may increase the number of attendees.

STAND FOR FREEDOM

- Cochrane Unite "Stand for Freedom" Rally in Cochrane on 2021/02/06. Meeting at Centennial Plaza, 1st Street in Cochrane, Alberta.
- **ASSESSMENT:** This appears to be a repeat of a protest held on 2022/01/30.



LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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